GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF D.T.H. THROUGH SATELLITE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme or proposal was formulated by his Ministry in regard to making the direct telecast to home (D.T.H.) programmes available to the viewers being telecast by various T.V. channels through satellite;

(b) if so, the outlines of the said scheme along with the proposal and the date on which the said scheme/proposals was formulated;

(c) the reasons due to which the said scheme/proposal could not be implemented;

(d) whether the Union Government still propose to implement the scheme relating to D.T.H. system all over the country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reasons due to which the said scheme has been shelved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): In pursuance to the Cabinet decision of 2.11.2000, permitting DTH broadcasting services in India, detailed guidelinesfor operating the service were issued on 15.3.2001. The guidelines are available on this Ministry`s website: mib.nic.in

(c), (d) & (e): Three applications have been received for permission to start DTH service in the country.